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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO MOSCOW

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: BOTH THE FRENCH AND SOVIETS TELL US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' TALKS WITH GROMYKO JULY 11-13 WILL CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF A GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON. AS WAS THE CASE AT PITSUNDA, SPECIAL ATTENTION IS EXPECTED TO BE DEVOTED TO THE CSCE. NO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS ARE ANTICIPATED. END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EAST EUROPE OMNES, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES IS GOING TO MOSCOW WITH NO SPECIAL BRIEF BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY SOVIETS. HE ANTICIPATED THAT FIRST ON THE AGENDA WOULD BE THE CSCE WITH THE SOVIETS PRESSING, AS THEY DID AT THE BREZHNEV-POMPIDOU SUMMIT IN
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MARCH, FOR THE THIRD STAGE TO BE HELD AT THE HIGHEST

LEVEL. THE FRENCH INTEND TO RESIST THIS PRESSURE. IF SOVIETS RAISE MBFR, AS SUGGESTED IN AFP DESPATCH FROM MOSCOW, THE FRENCH WILL RESTATE THEIR POSITION. THEY EXPECT TO HEAR A SOVIET ACCOUNT OF THE RESULTS OF THE US-SOVIET SUMMIT AND TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST. OMNES SAID THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENT PRACTICE, A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WILL PROBABLY BE ISSUED IN LIEU OF A COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT NO AGREEMENTS AS SUCH WOULD BE CONCLUDED.

3. MEANWHILE SOVIET ACTING DCM TELLS US THAT MOSCOW REGARDS THE ENCOUNTER WITH SAUVAGNARGUES AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO SIDES TO REASSERT THE MAIN LINES OF THEIR RELATIONS CONSISTING OF POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE FORECAST THAT EUROPEAN QUESTIONS AND THE CSCE WOULD BE THE PRIMARY SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION. LOOKING GENERALLY AT THE PRESENT STATE OF FRENCH-SOVIET RELATIONS, HE SAW BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FACTORS. WHILE HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS, HE WENT ON TO STRESS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. HE SAID HE VIEWED FRANCE AS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE BY THE RECENT ELECTIONS, WHICH HE FELT HAD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED THE INFLUENCE OF THE LEFT. IN WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN AN ECHO OF ARGUMENTS USED BY PONOMAREV TO THE PCF DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCEIVE OF A "COMMON PROGRAM" BETWEEN THE FRENCH COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS WITHOUT A POLICY OF DETENTE AT THE STATE LEVEL.

4. AT THE JULY 4 RECEPTION, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO MOSCOW FOR THE SAUVAGNARGUES-GROMYKO MEETINGS. THE ACTING SOVIET DCM ADDED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD COME BACK TO PARIS IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

5. COMMENT. THE SAUVAGNARGUES-GROMYKO TALKS WILL COINCIDE WITH THE MEETING OF THE GRANDE COMMISSION HERE JULY 10-12, AND BOTH EVENTS SHOULD SET THE GENERAL TONE OF SOVIET RELATIONS WITH THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT. AS NOTED REFTEL, WE EXPECT IT WILL BE ONE OF SOMEWHAT LESSER CONFIDENTIAL

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